County Economic Opportunity Board

July 16, 2026

3:30 p.m.

<47 South Main, Council Chambers (3rd floor)>

1. **Welcome & Roll Call**

   Chairman John Perez called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm, and took a roll call showing himself, Bill Cobabe, Kathleen VonHatten, Tyson Hamilton.

   Also in attendance were Jess Clifford, Ryan Englund, and Rachelle Custer.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

   A. **Minutes from the April 16, 2026 Meeting**

   MOTION AND VOTE

   Attachments

   1. April 16, 2026 CEO Board Meeting Minutes_DRAFT.pdf

   Kathleen VonHatten made a motion to approve the April 16, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. **Presentations**

   A. **Preview of the Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) annual County Council presentation on its impact in Tooele County, Jess Clifford**

   Jess Clifford provided an impact report and presentation on the Small Business Development Center. Jess stated the impact on the county was nearly two and a half million dollars' worth of cash infusion — loans, grants, investments, etc. That is combined with about $960,000 in reported sales increases. This is reported by survey via the business owners. The county has realized a 55 to 1 cost benefit ratio this year. So far this year, we've served about 67 clients, including about 200 hours of counseling and 20 jobs created through businesses started.

   Jess stated we opened our doors in late 2018. At that time, the county signed an MOU to assist the SBDC with $15,000 a year. They did that through 2023. Then we asked for an increase to $20,000, which is where we're at now. That is about $130,000 that the county has invested so far. This year the cost to benefit ratio is $8.45 to the dollar. If you go back and average from 2018, it's about $144 to the dollar. Since 2018, there's been a little over

Motion to adjourn by Kathleen VonHatten. 2nd by John Perez. All in favor. Time of adjournment 3: 59 pm.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:

John Perez, CEO Board Chairman